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Alexander S. Zharkov, et al. :  
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Filed: October 5, 2000 :  
For: SOLID PROPELLANT GAS GENERATOR : Examiner:  
WITH ADJUSTABLE PRESSURE PULSE : Jack W. Keith  
FOR WELL OPTIMIZATION :  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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